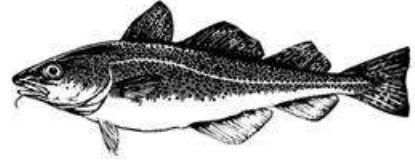


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**Closure Announced for the South Alaska Peninsula Area State-Waters
Pacific Cod Pot Gear Season**

Emergency Order 4-GF-6-13

The South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod season for all vessels using pot gear will close at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2013. Inseason catch estimates indicate the pot gear harvest allocation will be attained at the time of the closure.

Fishermen are reminded that all groundfish pots must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Following the closure, open and unbaited pots may be stored at any depth for up to seven days. After seven days, all groundfish pots must be removed from the water or stored open and unbaited in waters not more than 25 fathoms deep.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.